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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON FORCE REDUCTIONS IN THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 13220

1. WE UNDERSTAND WIRE SERVICES TRANSMITTED TEXT OF STATEMENT REGARD-
ING AGREED FORCE REDUCTIONS IN THAILAND WITHOUT EMBARGO PRIOR TO
1800 LOCAL, ALTHOUGH RTG HAD ASSURED US THEY WOULD ENFORCE EMBAR-
GO TO 2000 LOCAL.

2. WE HAVE PREPARED FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE IN HANDLING
LOCAL
QUERIES:

A. WHAT BASES WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE ANNOUNCED REDUCTIONS?

A. THERE WILL BE SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THIS AS DETAILS ARE
WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVTS.

Q. WILL THE AMERICANS WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM ANY BASE AS PART OF
THE INITIAL REDUCTION? THAT IS, WHERE THERE BY ANY "CLOSURES"?

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A. ANY DECISIONS TO CLOSE BASES WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF FUTURE

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Q. WHAT TYPES OF AIRCRAFT ARE INCLUDED IN THE INITIAL DRAWDOWN?

A. TACTICAL AND SUPPORT AIRCRAFT.

Q. WHY CAN'T YOU GIVE US MORE DETAILS?

A. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN FINAL DETAILS ARE WORKED OUT.

Q. WILL B-52'S BE WITHDRAWN THIS ROUND?

A. AS THE PM SAID RECENTLY, THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF B-52'S. BUT NO TYPES OF UNITS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE CONTINUING TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVTS.

Q. HOW MANY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN IN THAILAND AFTER THE INITIAL WITHDRAWAL?

A. FEWER THAN 40,000.

Q. WILL THE U.S. MILITARY HQ AT NKP BE AFFECTED BY THIS ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL?

A. THE HQ IN NKP ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE INITIAL DRAWDOWN. BUT NO TYPES OF UNITS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE CONTINUING TALKS.

Q. WHERE WILL THE UNITS GO? WILL THEY REMAIN IN SE ASIA?

A. WE CAN'T DISCUSS THE SPECIFICS OF THE RE-DEPLOYMENT IN ADVANCE.

Q. WILL THE FIRST INCREMENT CONSIST ENTIRELY OF TDY PERSONNEL?

A. THEY ARE MAINLY PART OF THE TEMPORARY AUGMENTATION FORCE DEPLOYED HERE DURING 1972.

Q. WHEN WILL PERSONNEL BEGIN TO LEAVE?

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A. WE WILL BEGIN PLANNING IMMEDIATELY AND PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS WILL START JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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